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## CATTLE ON FEED

### COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 920,000 head as of July 1, 2010. The latest inventory was down 5 percent from June 1, 2010, but up 1 percent from the 910,000 on feed on July 1, 2009. The inventory included 635,000 steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 280,000 head, was down 3 percent from the previous year. The number of cows and bulls totaled 5,000, and remained unchanged from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 170,000 head of fed cattle during June 2010. This was up 26 percent from May 2010 marketings of 135,000 head but 11 percent below a year ago. An estimated 125,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during June, 32 percent below May 2010 placements but even with last year's placements for the same time period. Of the number placed in June, 16 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 16 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 44 percent weighed 800 pounds or greater. Other disappearance during June 2010, at 5,000 head, was 15,000 head less than last month but the same as last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.1 million head on July 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above July 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.25 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.77 million head, up 1 percent from 2009. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.63 million, 17 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.57 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000, 600-699 pounds were 300,000, 700-799 pounds were 408,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 480,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.00 million, slightly above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 55,000 during June, 4 percent below 2009.

### U.S. All Cattle

Cattle on feed July 1, 2010, from all feedlots in the United States, totaled 12.0 million, up 3 percent from the 11.6 million on July 1, 2009. Cattle on feed in feedlots with 1,000 or more head accounted for 84 percent of the total cattle on feed on July 1, 2010, down slightly from July 1, 2009.

## CATTLE INVENTORY JULY 1, 2010

### UNITED STATES

**All cattle and calves** in the United States as of July 1, 2010, totaled 100.8 million head, 1 percent below the 102.0 million on July 1, 2009.

**All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 40.8 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2009.

- **Beef cows**, at 31.7 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2009.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.1 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2009.
- **Other class estimates** on July 1, 2010 and the changes from July 1, 2009, are as follows:
  - **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 16.1 million, down 1 percent.
  - **Beef replacement heifers**, 4.4 million, down 2 percent.
  - **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.1 million, up 3 percent.
  - **Other heifers**, 7.7 million, down 1 percent.
  - **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.3 million, down 1 percent.
  - **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
  - **Calves under 500 pounds**, 27.5 million, down 1 percent.
- **All cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter, 12.0 million, up 3 percent.

**SHEEP & LAMB INVENTORY & GOATS INVENTORY JULY 1, 2010**

**UNITED STATES**

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2010 totaled 6.90 million head, down 2 percent from July 1, 2009. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.16 million head on July 1, 2010 was down 3 percent from July 1, 2009. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 2.74 million head, were down 1 percent from last July. The breeding herd consists of 3.37 million ewes one year old and older, 175,000 rams one year old and older, and 620,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 2.65 million head was comprised of 1.58 million lambs under 65 pounds, 550,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 285,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 235,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 90,000 head.

The 2010 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 3.60 million head, down 2 percent from the 2009 lamb crop of 3.69 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2010 totaled 3.15 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 450,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2010. The 2010 expected lambing rate of 108 lambs per 100 ewes is unchanged from last year.

All goat and kid inventory on July 1, 2010 totaled 3.67 million head, down 1 percent from the previous July number. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.74 million head, down 2 percent from July 2009. All market goats and kids totaled 925,000 head, unchanged from the previous July. On July 1, 2010, meat and all other goats totaled 3.11 million head, down 2 percent from July 2009. Milk goat inventory was up 1 percent increasing to 390,000 head while angora goat inventory, at 165,000 head, was unchanged from a year ago. The 2010 kid crop in the United States is expected to total 1.95 million head, virtually unchanged from the 2009 kid crop. The 2010 expected kidding rate of 104 kids per 100 does is up 1 percent from the 2009 kid rate of 103.

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